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NIGHT RIDERS RAMPANT IN THREE COUNTIES

Many Farmers Are Threatened
For Selling Tobacco; Gov-
ernor to Act

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 24.—Night-riders appeared in the burley district of the State Saturday night and Sunday morning when a band of about twenty-five or thirty-five masked and armed men called from their beds farmers and growers of tobacco in a twenty-mile circle in Bath and Fleming Counties, and threatened them with personal violence. Montgomery County farmers also were visited.

Reports show that about fifteen farmers were visited, but the names of only five were disclosed by the authorities. They are:

T. S. Robertson, Bethel, Bath County; Thomas Croath, Jake Boyd and a farmer named Stevens, Bath County; W. T. Shields, and a truck driver named Tomlin, Sherbourne, Fleming County.

Begin On County Line

The men began operations near the line between Bath and Fleming Counties, as first reports of threats were received from Sherbourne, near Flemingsburg. From some point not yet determined by the county authorities they proceeded toward Bethel, rousing several farmers on the way. When these went to the door the nightriders laughed and told them they were "looking for a doctor."

T. S. Robertson, wealthy farmer, was called from his home about 11:30 o'clock Saturday night. Before his house he saw about twenty-five men, mounted, masked and armed. Four nightriders approached him on foot, with their backs to him, and warned him not to raise any tobacco next year, and not to sell or haul any this season.

He told county officers that he replied defiantly, and said that he had no intention of obeying the orders. Then the spokesman for the nightriders threatened arson and personal violence.

When they were ready to leave, they made him face away from the road, and told him that if he looked around as they were leaving that they would "put a bullet through him."

Other Farmers Warned

This point marked the farthest toward the nightriders, and the men swung back in the direction of the Fleming County line.

On the way they awakened Thomas Croath, Jake Boyd, and a farmer named Stevens, and repeated the warning they had given Robertson. At these places shots were fired as the band left, but no damage was done, the intention being, apparently, to scare the farmers.

At Sherbourne, W. T. Shields, and a truck driver named Tomlin were summoned to their doors and warned not to haul any more tobacco to market in their trucks, under threat of punishment. No damage was reported.

County authorities of Bath were investigating the reports all day Sunday, but at a late hour had not been able to obtain any information pointing to the identity of the men composing the band.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 24.—If investigations of reported night riding in Bath and Fleming Counties, now being made for him by County Attorney D. W. Doggett and Sheriff Walter Boyd of Bath, reveal threats by bands of armed men, Governor Morrow said today, he will ask the Circuit Court there to impanel a special grand jury to indict those responsible. County Attorney J. D. Pumphrey of Fleming told the Governor that no report of trouble in Fleming County had reached him.

The Governor said that he would place all forces of the State behind the local authorities to stop such practices.

UNAUTHORIZED CLERKS IN ADJ. GENERALS OFFICE

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 23.—"I find that the salary list has been burdened with extra and unauthorized clerks, stenographers and war rec-

ord compilers, and that where detachments of soldiers are sent out on emergency calls meals and lodging have been charged at unreasonable prices," declared State Inspector and Examiner Henry E. James, in a report on the office of adjutant general covering a period from July 1, 1918, to June 30, 1920.

BOY SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY AUTO

Richard Brawner, 9 year old grandson of Mrs. Emma Hudson, of this city, was seriously injured when an automobile driven by William Afford Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davidson, ran against him at about 2:30 Sunday afternoon. The boy had been out walking with Mrs. Horace Pendleton and his aunts, Misses Edna and Anna Hudson, and the ladies were sitting on the stacks of saw logs near the depot while he was playing just across the street.

The street between the logs and the railroad is exceedingly narrow and seeing a car approaching along the narrow passage one of the ladies called to the boy to cross the street and then seeing that the auto was too near she told him not to cross. While the little fellow was hesitating the fender of the car struck him and those who were present seem to be uncertain as to whether or not the car passed over his body. His right leg was broken about three inches above the knee and a good sized gash cut in the back of his head.

Besides the driver his little brother was in the car, and they were so excited that instead of placing the injured boy in the car and taking him home or to a physician they motored on up town but later secured physicians A. B. Riley and H. H. Pendleton, who dressed the injuries, after the boy had been hauled home in a buggy. He was getting along reasonably well at the hour of going to press.

MURDERER OF EX-SOLDIER TO SERVE PRISON TERM

Whitesburg, Ky., Jan. 24.—Bronson Waddell, charged with the murder of Emory Webb, soldier, at Cowan Branch last November, was sentenced to serve fourteen years in the penitentiary. The testimony showed that Waddell killed Webb in a dispute over some apples the soldier had brought from across the mountain. Webb's dying statement was entered as evidence. Waddell said after the murder that Webb was his fifth victim, that he had killed four men in North Carolina, his home State.

MRS. WILSON GIVES FIRST RECEPTION SINCE WAR

Washington, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Wilson entertained the ladies of the diplomatic corps at luncheon. It was the first large social function at the White House since the president was taken ill nearly two years ago, and the first time since 1917 the gates have stood open and carriages and motors crowded the driveways as in pre war days.

BABY FALLS FROM SECOND STORY

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 24.—Nancy, 2-year-old daughter of J. M. Houghland, oil man, fell from a second story of the Houghland home and was perhaps fatally injured. She was taken to Nashville, Tenn., by her mother and physicians for examination. The father is in Chicago on business.

HORSES SELLING AT \$1; MULES \$10 IN GEORGIA

Washington, Jan. 24.—Horses are selling for \$1 a head, mules for \$10 a head in Georgia, and cotton planters are without funds to pay their bills. Martin Amorous of Marietta, Ga., told the house banking and currency committees.

PATTERSON—WELLS

Mr. Ervin Wells, age 20 and Miss Clemmer Patterson, age 16, both of Centertown, came to Hartford, Friday morning and after securing marriage licenses were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the court house. Rev. Russell Walker, Pastor of Hartford Baptist church performed the ceremony.

SUCCESSFUL DEFENDERS OF THE BLUE AND GOLD



Left to right: Douglas Williams, Blanton Ellis, Raymond Robertson, Ozna Shultz, Jr., Virgil Crowe and Earl Bartlett. Left front: Fred Roy H. Feoman, Coach.

May we introduce to you Coach Feoman and the defenders of the Blue and Gold, the colors of Hartford High School? This team has played eight games with High Schools this season and has lost only one. This defeat was by the Clarkson quintette, one of the fastest in Western Kentucky, but they won by only one point, the final score being 28 to 27.

Two to one is the Hartford team's average and their goal. In their games this season they have made a total of 294 points while their opponents made a total of only 110. The last game played on the local floor was on Friday night, Jan. 21 when these boys met the High School team from West Louisville. The visitors were fine looking fellows and indeed a formidable foe. They fought hard throughout the game but were compelled to hear to their schools the sad news of their defeat by a score of 33 to 15.

Next Saturday night, Jan. 29, the team from Shepherdsville will appear to meet and be defeated by Hartford's faithful speedsters. The game will be one of great interest to all for it will be a race from start to finish. The visitors recently defeated St. Xavier which previously defeated Louisville High, so it is predicted that this will be the hardest fought game of the season. However, we have no fear of a defeat as the Hartford players will work hard, fast and in perfect unity. If every man plays to win and exerts every ounce of strength in him until the final whistle blows victory will again perch on Hartford's banner.

UNDERGROUND CATHEDRAL RIVALING MAMMOTH CAVE

Contains Human Skeleton Which
Authorities Say is That Of
Aborigine

Munfordsville, Ky., Jan. 23.—In newly discovered galleries a human skeleton was discovered Monday in the great Crystal Cave in Hart county. A great underground cathedral which, it is said, will rival the wonders of Mammoth Cave, was discovered coincident with the discovery of the bones.

An avenue half a mile long, almost as level as a boulevard, was found by the explorers. Here a dome rises 200 feet above the bed of the cave. It was on a terraced ledge above the floor of the newly discovered gallery that the skeleton was unearthed from beneath a pile of drift.

Floyd Collins, on whose farm the cave was found three years ago, discovered the skeleton and subterranean galleries.

Overturning a huge boulder which blocked the passageway, he thrust a torch into the aperture and crawled through into a great passageway and there found the bones.

A Cave City doctor pronounced the skeleton that of an Aborigine, perhaps a race that preceded the Indians in Kentucky. No white man is believed to have ever before traversed the grotto.

The newly discovered avenue has been named Anyx avenue by the citizens of Cave City who have visited the place in crowds.

Many miles of smaller avenues which may disclose new wonders have not yet been traversed.

The cave is about eleven miles from Cave City and is near Green river. It is nine miles from the main entrance of Mammoth Cave, but is believed to be a distinct cavern.

SPECIAL GUARD FOR HENDERSON BANK

Henderson, Ky., Jan. 22.—The first precautionary measure against crime that has not yet reached Henderson, but sweeping the country elsewhere, has been taken by the local banks in the appointment of H. W. Denton as special officer to watch the banking institutions of the city during the night hours. Mr. Denton was regularly appointed by Mayor Johnson, whose action

was approved by the city council, and his services as special policeman will be maintained by the banks.

The appointment of the special officer does not mean that the crime scare has struck the city, but that the bankers feel that it is safer to protect their institutions in behalf of patrons. All of the local banks are burglar-proof in the general sense of the word and are not the least inviting to rogues.

RELATIVES, IN FIGHT, SHOT WITH SAME PISTOL

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 22.—Two brothers and the father-in-law of one of them, all wounded with the same pistol in a fight following a family quarrel, were brought here from Breathitt County and placed in hospitals, where it was said two of the men are in a serious condition.

The shooting occurred Tuesday afternoon near the Mobray & Robinson lumber camp at Buckhorn, where the men live.

"Hop" Davis, 60 years old, shot his son-in-law, Edward Tharp, 37, when Scott Tharp, 27, went to his brother's assistance. During a scuffle for the pistol Davis shot Scott Tharp, according to information received from Breathitt County. The wounded brothers then succeeded in gaining possession of the pistol, when Davis was shot by his son-in-law.

Davis, it is said is thought to be of unsound mind.

Each of the brothers was shot in the abdomen and Davis was wounded in the abdomen, the right arm and one bullet passed through one of his fingers. The condition of the brothers is considered serious.

GOOD BARN BURNS

A good barn on the lower farm of Mr. Estill Howard, near Adaburg, was totally destroyed by fire last Wednesday night Jan. 19. Fortunately the barn was empty at the time. The loss is estimated at \$1000, with only \$500 insurance. The farm on which the barn was located is under the management of Mr. Charlie Baughn and it is believed that sparks from the chimney of the nearby residence occupied by him caused the fire.

MULES AND HORSES FOR SALE

Any size; any age; can be seen at the J. P. Taylor farm Centertown, R. F. D. No. 1.

MEXICAN DAMS BREAK 100 LOSE LIVES

Many Of the Deaths Are Caused
By Drinking the Poisoned
Water

Mexico, City, Jan. 21.—More than 100 persons were drowned, and 200 others injured in a disaster at Pachuca when two dams about the city broke and torrents of water swept through this big mining center.

One thousand were rendered homeless. Several mines were flooded and it is believed the death list will be added to considerably when the shafts are cleared. The dams that held back the water were used in the chemical treatment of ores and many deaths were due to the victims being poisoned by swallowing this water.

A singular feature of the disaster was that two dams broke simultaneously. The reason has not been discovered.

Most of Pachuca's scores of mines are on a high level, but four of them on a lower level were immediately flooded while the men were working in them.

HIS THIRTEENTH

(Central City Argus)
Mr. Leo Fentress made the race for county clerk and won eight years ago, on a platform of seven reasons why he should be elected. He could offer thirteen similar reasons for election if he were a candidate now. The thirteenth reason, a boy, arrived Monday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Allen Fielden, age 27, Livermore Ky. R. 1, to Flora Dempsey, age 24, Livermore R. 1.
Ervin Wells, age 20, Centertown, to Clemmer Patterson, age 16, Centertown.

INJURED WHILE WRESTLING

Allen Carter, who is attending High School here received a very painful injury last Thursday while wrestling in the court house yard. His ankle was thrown out of place and the tendons badly injured. It is necessary for him to walk on crutches.

\$100,000 MAIL BOOTY HIDDEN IN EGG CRATE

\$76,600 Also Seized in Two Mt.
Vernon Garages Owned
By Preacher

Mount Vernon, Ill., Jan. 23.—Virtually all of the \$185,000 obtained in the theft of thirty-one packages of registered mail here was recovered by postoffice inspectors in several raids in Mount Vernon.

One of four persons arrested on suspicion of complicity in the robbery is the Rev. G. Kyle, former rector of the Free Methodist Church here.

Postal inspectors said approximately \$100,000 was found in an egg crate at the home of the Rev. Mr. Kyle, the majority of which was in \$20 and \$50 bills. In addition, about \$75,000 was confiscated in one garage and about \$1,600 in another. Both garages are said to be owned by Loren Williamson and the Rev. Mr. Kyle.

Williamson also is being held, but postoffice inspectors announced it was information furnished by him that led to the raids.

One of the garages is about 100 yards to the rear of the postoffice.

Four sacks containing registered mail, are believed to have been taken from a wagon on which they were placed for delivery to a railroad station, when the driver entered the postoffice to use a telephone. About \$27,000 in negotiable securities also was obtained.

The money was sent here from Chicago and St. Louis for use in making up payrolls at coal mines.

The Rev. Mr. Kyle declared he had nothing to do with the robbery, and asserted the first he knew of the money was when postoffice inspectors found it.

"Someone placed the money in my home and in my garages to discredit me," he said. "I am absolutely guiltless. I was the most surprised man in the world when the inspectors found the money."

Postoffice inspectors Hitchcock, Rider and Gould questioned the Rev. Mr. Kyle several hours, but said he maintained he was innocent.

COURT HOUSE ITEMS

The following new suits have been filed since our last report:

W. B. Miller, vs. Alva Karnes; suit on note for \$255.00.

T. W. Wallace, vs. Wilbert Adams et al; suit on note for \$65.00.

Kimbley Coal Co., vs. W. W. Burgess Coal Co.; suit for balance of \$1157 on note.

James Grocery Co.; vs. W. B. Johnston; suit on acct. for \$124.33.

Up to last Saturday: County Clerk, W. C. Blankenship had issued 1739 dog licenses, 444 passenger automobile licenses, 18 truck licenses, 3 dealers licenses, 3 motorcycle licenses and 21 chauffeur's licenses.

The records in the office of County Tax Commissioner, D. E. Ward shows that 2379 dogs were listed in Ohio County in 1920.

FORMER OHIO COUNTY BOY KILLED IN GRAHAM MINES

Marvin McCrocklin, was killed while working in the mines at Graham, Ky., last Saturday afternoon. He fell from an electric car onto the track and three or four cars passed over his body. McCrocklin was about 25 or 26 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCrocklin, who formerly lived in Hartford. The deceased was born in this city and lived here until he was about 8 years old. He has many relatives in this section. Burial occurred Sunday afternoon.

MORE HOME MEALS URGED TO CUT RESTAURANT COST

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—Frank B. McClain, former Lieutenant Governor and at present Fair Price Commissioner of the State, advocated more home meals as a means to bring down restaurant prices. He made this suggestion after a conference with restaurant men in which he said they refused to reduce prices in conformity with wholesale reductions.